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For: Soft Pad Picture Mount

Examiner: Steven M Marsh

Art Unit: 3632

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Ms.,

Please find the enclosed Applicants remarks pertaining to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on 06/30/2004.

Remarks

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Lanman patent #840:

Claim 1 of the application describes "a conforming pad...releasable adhesive ...being fixed to the first side of the conforming pad...bonding the...conforming pad to the unmounted medium...

Lanman discloses "a base 28 having soft glue 38 on one side for engagement with the picture frame 14, and secured to the other side of the base 28 is a sponge-like porous mass 29...

As noted by the examiner, the Lanman patent discloses a 3-part assembly;

- a sponge-like porous mass
- a base
- soft glue

having the mass for receiving the pin on one side and the soft glue on the opposite side and the base in between. As such, the Lanman patent discloses a clearly different structure (mass-base-glue) from the structure described in the application (conforming pad-releasable glue.)